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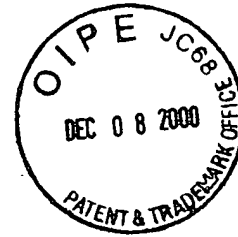
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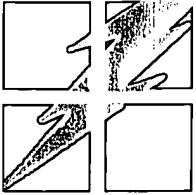


Dear Sir:

Re: United States Patent Application
based on International Application
Number PCT/CA99/00541 filed on June 10, 1999
of Bernard Charles Sherman
for PHARMACEUTICAL TABLETS COMPRISING AN NSAID
AND A PROSTAGLANDIN
CUSTOMER NO. 23607
Due Date: December 15, 2000

Enclosed herewith please find the following documentation for filing with the Commissioner:

- (a) Request Form PTO-1390 for National Entry into the United States of America;
- (b) Combined Declaration for Patent Application And Power Of Attorney of Bernard Charles Sherman, in duplicate;
- (c) Copy of Published International Application Number WO99/65496 published December 23, 1999, with the International Search Report;
- (d) Copy of PCT International Preliminary Examination Report;
- (e) Copy of Written Opinion dated March 30, 2000;
- (f) Copy of Response to Written Opinion dated May 25, 2000;
- (g) Certified Copy of Canadian Patent No. 2,241,342, filed June 15, 1998;
- (h) Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of the prior art cited;
- (i) Preliminary Amendment;
- (j) Cheque in the amount of \$1,130.00 made payable to "The Commissioner of Patents".



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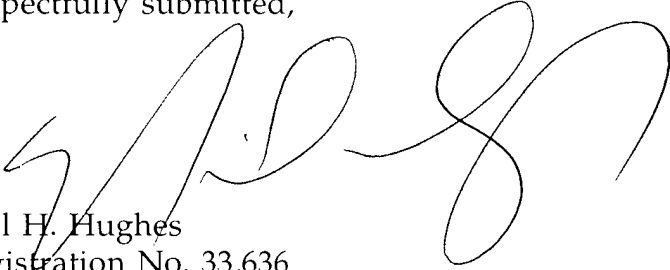
The Claims to be prosecuted in this U.S. National Phase Patent Application are **Claims 1 to 11** inclusive which have been placed in proper format for U.S. prosecution by way of Preliminary Amendment. These claims 1 to 11 have been used to calculate the attached filing fee.

Enclosed along with this material please find a cheque in the amount of **\$1,130.00 US dollars** made payable to "**The Commissioner of Patents**". This sum includes \$270.00 for the multiple dependent claims fee, \$860.00 for the International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO since the International Search Report was prepared by the EPO or JPO. If there is any surplus or deficiency, the Commissioner is authorized to credit the surplus or take the deficit from Applicant's Agent's Deposit Account No. 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.

Also enclosed herewith is a stamped, self-addressed verification card which we request that you kindly acknowledge and return to this office at the earliest opportunity.

We thank the Commissioner for his cooperation in this regard and look forward to receiving filing data in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures